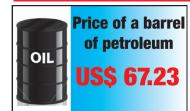
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STATE BUDGETS



In this Aug. 31, 2007, file photo, a guard tower is seen behind the wire fence that surrounds California State Prison, Sacramento, in Folsom, Calif. Other states are also looking at cuts at their prison systems as a way to close severe budget deficits.

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SPORTS NEWS PHELPS PHALLS



Michael Phelps of the United States reacts after completing a Men's 200 m Butterfly semifinal, at the FINA Swimming World Championships, in Rome, Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

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Her Royal Highness Margriet visits Aruba's Red Cross

ORANJESTAD - On Tuesday, July 28, 2009, HRH Princess Margriet visited the Aruban Red Cross. She was accompanied by His Excellency Governor of Aruba Refunjol, Mr. Jan van Nes, Indra Anthony-Pereira and Marieta Wanopa.

After a beautiful welcome and speech by Ms. Indra Anthony -Pereira, HRH Princess Margriet visited the facilities of the Aruban Red Cross.

Ms. Anthony -Pereira explained the importance of the construction of the new building as headquarters for the volunteers.

During the morning event, Mr. Clyde Harms surprised the Princess with a beautiful gesture of appreciation dedicated to the many supportive years of the Red Cross on Aruba.

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At The Paseo Herencia Mall

Fashion Life Magazine celebrates at Mr. Jazz



PALM BEACH - Fashion Life Magazine held a fabulous event last Saturday night entiled Fashion Life Sessions at Mr Jazz to celebrate Fashion Life magazine's Anniversary Edition.

The Fashion Life Sessions was an avant-garde event involving fashion and music in order to: Praise and encourage UPSCALE TOURISM in the island. Honor and market our main sponsors. Serve as













a marketing tool to promote Aruba's outstanding portfolio of tourist and local attractions, products and services. The Life Magazine Fashion contributes to the island's cultural, artistic and social

actively supports the local talent (models, artists, and DJs).

Fashion shows by the exclusive Brands DIESEL, HUNKEMOLLER, SHABBY SHIC and **SEASON** BOUTIQUE took place during the event along with the most exclusive models Aruba, Venezuela

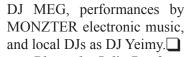








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The Canada born younger sister of Dutch Queen Beatrix, and her husband arrived on the neighboring of Curação on Thursday and they continued their journey to Aruba Saturday.

Professor Van Vollenhoven will also visit the islands of Saint Eustatius and Saba after his stay on Aruba.

The 'Koninkrijksspelen' or 'Kingdom Games' bring together youth from the three constituent parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: the Netherlands, Aruba and

the Netherlands Antilles. The games are held

every two years.

These games will be the last one with three countries participating, as the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist as a separate country next year. The islands of Curaçao and Saint Martin will gain the same semi-independent status as Aruba and the three remaining islands in the Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba) will come under administration from The Hague.







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"Musa Art House Theater" presents "The Boys of Baraka





ORANJESTAD - Musa Art House Theater has the honor of inviting you to a special film cycle on Art House films. These films have received international acclaim and give us a glimpse of the new global cinema.

"The Boys of Baraka" by: Heidi Ewing & Rachel Grady, Thursday 30th July 2009 at 8.00pm.

Directors: Heidi Ewing & Rachel Grady

Cast: Devon Brown, Darius Chambers, Richard Keyser, Justin Mackall

Running Time: 84 minutes Awards: Nominated for Primetime Emmy, Another 3 wins & 1 nomination Subtitle: English

In Baltimore, 76% of African-American boys do not graduate from high school. By the age of 18, if they are not walking across the stage to get a diploma, most are either wearing an orange jumpsuit or in a

coffin. Each year, 20 "at risk" boys from Baltimore were given the opportunity to attend a two year boarding program in Kenya, at the Baraka School. The idea is that being 10,000 miles from home, 20 miles from the nearest town, in a location where there are no TVs, just might create a must survive mind set, to ensure these boys don't fall into the abyss of gangs and

the criminal justice system. Although the fundamental storyline is not new, it is a real time commentary on our society: if given the opportunity, some of those without a future find a way to grab a hold of one. What's fresh here

modern day America, which any enlightened person needs to see, and we travel to Africa and share the passion of teachers who are willing to work for \$5,000 a year. When the boys come home for summer break, and must stay longer than they anticipated, we learn that some of them that you think will head in one direction take another. It illustrates the complexities of the human mind, often doing battle with emotions and experiences.

There is good and bad news. As the directors state, "The deeper understanding we gleaned about poverty was directly linked to our absolute shock at what the public education system fails to offer inner-city kids. Kids are taught from their first "institution" (i.e. the school system) what their roles are in American society. In a place where an African-American boy who graduates from high school is considered miraculous, ambition and dreams are squashed early on. They

are taught that they are born losers, to aim as low as possible. The school system seems to be simply a reflection of what society has in store for them."

The flavor of the film is similar to "Hoop Dreams," in that in the land of plenty, is that we get a glimpse of there are so many struggling to literally survive. One of the benefits of what we learned from Hurricane Katrina is that

> while the news media and our politicians focus on those that "have," we know there are plenty of people who are in the "have not" category.

> The 40 million plus Americans who don't have health insurance are just the tip of the iceberg on the negative side of that equation.

> Contribution is strongly suggested in order to continue with our film club presentation. (Afl 10,-) N.B.: Remember that it's possible to enjoy a light snack before the film at the newly reopened " Musa Café"

> This night will also be a good opportunity to view the fantastic exhibit by Gustave Nouel, Danilo Geerman, Belinda Veer, Adolf Valbuena, Mo Mohammed, Jean Girigori, Noff El Hadi and other works by local and regional artist exhibited.



Getting to Curação Just Got Easier!

American Airlines Adds Second Daily Flight to Curação

WILLEMSTAD -- Effective Nov. 19, 2009, American Airlines will fly twice daily to the island of Curação, often referred to as the Caribbean's Hidden Treasure. The additional nonstop service from Miami International (MIA) not only offers travelers more flexibility in their vacation planning, but comes just in time for travelers to save \$200 per person on airfare through the Curação Now promotion.

"Even in tough economic times Americans are not willing to give up their vacations and the additional flight coupled with our Curação Now promotion makes it even easier and more cost effective to discover Curação," Evita Nita, executive director, Curação Tourism Board said.

American's non-stop service to Curação (CUR) will be available on the following schedule, offering convenient daily connections from cities across the country:

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Miami at 10:25 a.m. Curação at 2:15 a.m. Miami at 4:40 p.m. Curação at 8:35 p.m.

934 Curação at 8:30 a.m. Miami at 10:45 a.m. 1880 Curação at 3:20 p.m. Miami at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the twice daily service on American, Continental offers weekly service from Newark (EWR), Delta Air Lines offers weekly service from Atlanta (ATL) and Air Jamaica offers connections three times weekly via Montego Bay from Baltimore/Washington (BWI) and Philadelphia International (PHL) and twice weekly via Chicago O'Hare (ORD). Curaçãobased Insel Air also offers daily direct flights from Miami International.

No matter what carrier travelers choose, the popular Curação Now promotion offers a \$200-per-person airfare rebate, as well as the following value-added savings: \$200 food and beverage credit, free night at participating hotels, free dive day, free car rental day, discounted admission to Curação's many museums, half-price attractions, tours and transfers, and shopping discounts in downtown Willemstad.

Curação Now is available for those traveling from August 15 to December 15, 2009. For a list of participating hotels and to learn more about Curação Now, visit www.curacao.com/now. About Curação

With its pristine dive sites, secluded beaches, championship golf and rich local cuisine, Curação offers a little something for everyone – from the adventure traveler to those who simply want to unwind (and enjoy its perfect climate). Curação's eclectic mix of history and culture is showcased in its capital city of Willemstad, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located on the outer fringes of the hurricane belt this welcoming, unique island paradise is often referred to as the Caribbean's hidden treasure.

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EAGLE BEACH - Recently at Costa Linda Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Godwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at Costa Linda Resort they call their home away from home. Cheryl & Phil Puglise were honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for 25 years.

Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Cheryl & Phil and also staff from Costa Linda Resort. ☐







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Loyal friends of Aruba honored at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort



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consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort they call their home away from home. Joseph Correia was honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for more then 20 years and Nancy Sharland with William & Tracie Haeffner were honored as an distinguished visitor.

Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with all honorees and also Pauline from the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort Resort.







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Everyone shows up At Sr. Frogs

Christian Audigier Fashion Show Aruba & Red Carpet Event

















ORANJESTAD - Last Friday evening, a dozen or more of the long legged models from Ed Hardy Models walked the cat walk at Sr. Frogs.

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and Paco ChicanoTM this includes US and international

wholesale distribution, as well as US and international retail stores.

Christian made his mark throughout the fashion industry after a fortuitous start at MacKeen Jeans. He has contributed to successful brands such as Diesel, Fiorucci, Bisou





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Café de Pijp opens its doors at South Beach Center – Palm Beach!

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PALM BEACH - Last week, Café de Pijp officially inaugurated its authentic "OUD HOLLANDS CAFÉ" conveniently located at the South Beach Center in Palm Beach opposite Segafredo. Café de Pijp has been operating since June 19th and has now made the opening official with various members of the press and guests. All guests received a warm welcome from the management in a nice and cozy ambiance with entertainment of the band The Equator.

Café de Pijp has been designed and founded by Mr. Alex de Haan. He has a

lot of experience with this kind of specific Oud Hollands Café in the Netherlands. The interior of Café de Pijp, which is almost 60 m2, has been constructed with dark wood materials which give the ambiance a very cozy and warm feeling.

They play all kinds of music, from Dutch, to English to Latin American. Every day you can enjoy the peanut consumption with your favorite drink. This peanut concept "Pelpinda's" is a typical Dutch custom, where the guests of the Dutch bar peel their peanuts and throw the shells on the floor and enjoy doing it! When entering the Dutch bar and encountering all the peanut shells on the floor, don't be surprised, as this is one of the most common custom for a typical Old Dutch Bar in the Netherlands.

Café de Pijp will have several activities programmed for its guests in the near future. These activities include Dart competitions among other cafes and guests, Karaoke nights, Jazz nights and Salsa nights. Café de Pijp serves delicious snacks for its guests and invites their customers to enjoy these snacks free of charge on Friday afternoons. Café de Pijp will also have their "Pijpjesavond" where one can buy beer at a very inexpensive price. Café de Pijp will also offer



a special drink of the week for the non beer drinkers. Heineken draught beer will have a price of only AWG 5,- every day.

For one month Café de Pijp will have a special Grand Opening offer in newspapers. Bring the newspaper ad and get a FREE Heineken draught beer with this ad per person. Do not miss this special offer, just bring it to Café de Pijp and enjoy your FREE beer in a typical "OUD HOLLANDS CAFÉ" Café

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H1N1 swine flu spreads to Pacific Islands, Caribbean and beyond: WHO

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GENEVA - There may be no escape from H1N1 pandemic flu, which according to the latest World Health Organization figures has spread to the most remote parts of the planet including popular island getaways.

In a snapshot published on Monday, the WHO said more than 20 countries and overseas territories had had their first lab-confirmed cases of the new virus, widely known as swine flu.

These include holiday destinations such as the Seychelles, Turks and Caicos, St. Kitts and Nevis, Netherlands Antilles, Belize and France's Reunion Island, as well as isolated spots such as Tonga and American Samoa in the Pacific and the Solomon Islands in the Indian Ocean.

H1N1 flu, which is a genetic mix of human, bird and swine viruses, has also found its way to Bhutan in the Himalayas and Andorra, an independent state tucked between Spain and France. Conflict-ridden Afghanistan and Sudan have also had their first confirmed infections in recent days.

The emergence of the never-before-seen virus in Mexico and the United States and its fast international spread caused the WHO to declare in June that a pandemic was under way. The U.N. agency has said it is impossible to stop it from circulating, and is monitoring it closely for signs of mutation or combination with other flu viruses.

While most patients have had mild flu-like symptoms, such as fever and vomiting, pregnant women and people with diabetes and other diseases have been vulnerable to more serious effects. An estimated 816 people have died from infection to date, according to the WHO's latest tally.

The total number of people infected with H1N1 flu is not known, and countries are no longer testing and reporting each individual case of a person falling ill. The WHO has said more emphasis should be placed on preventing infection and treating the most serious cases to avoid unnecessary death.

Drugmakers Roche, Gilead Sciences and GlaxoSmithKline have benefited from a worldwide rush to secure supplies of their antiviral drugs to fight the spreading flu. Vaccine makers including Sanofi-Aventis, Novartis, Baxter and Solvay are also working on H1N1 shots that could be given alongside seasonal flu jabs.





Students of an Islamic school with suspected cases of the H1N1 influenza virus lie in a makeshift room at a hospital in Surabaya, Indonesia on July 27, 2009.

Photograph by: Stringer, Reuters



Wednesday, July 29, 2009 BUSINESS

Stocks end flat on mixed economic data, earnings

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – An economic reality check is cooling the stock market's rally.

Stocks ended little changed Tuesday as a key barometer of consumer confidence and a handful of disappointing earnings reports brought reminders that an economic recovery this year is far from assured. The Dow slipped 12 points but the Nasdag composite index posted a modest gain.

Major indexes held to a tight range for the third straight day. Investors remain cautious but still aren't willing to give up on a rally that has propelled stocks up 11 percent in little more than two weeks.

Corporate earnings reports, which beat relatively meager expectations earlier this month, disappointed on Tuesday and showed that many people remain unwilling or unable to spend. Office Depot Inc. and handbag maker Coach Inc. both had trouble drawing in customers during the second quarter.

The unease grew after the Conference Board's consumer confidence index fell more than expected, fanning worries bleak expectations that among consumers and rising unemployment would hamper the economy's ability to rebound from the longest recession since World War II. If consumers don't step up spending, companies will

find it hard to boost revenue. The recent string of stronger corporate profits have come from deep cost-cutting, which can only be used to lift earnings for so long. Companies need to start showing they're bringing in more sales and revenue.

The third upbeat reading on the housing market since last week and dealmaking in the technology industry helped temper the market's disappointment.

Even without the latest worries about consumers, analysts have been anticipating some pause in buying after this month's surge, which restarted a massive rally that began in March. The advance fizzled in mid-June on lackluster economic reports.

John Merrill, chief investment officer of Tanglewood Wealth Management in Houston, said some institutional investors are being forced to pour money into stocks to try to keep pace with a 44.8 percent rally in the S&P 500 index since March

"That kind of gives a nice give and take with nobody motivated to strongly sell and nobody strong motivated to strongly buy," he said.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow slipped 11.79, or 0.1 percent, to 9,096.72 after being down as much as 101 points. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.56, or 0.3 percent, to 979.62. The Nasdaq composite index rose 7.62, or 0.4 percent, to 1,975.51 after several technology companies announced acquisitions.

Falling stocks narrowly outpaced those that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.2 billion shares, compared with 1 billion Monday.

Bond prices were mixed after a Treasury Department auction of two-year notes generated lackluster demand. The yield on the two-year note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 1.09 percent from 1.05 percent late Monday. The yield on the benchmark 10year Treasury note fell to 3.69 percent from 3.73 percent.

Investors are anxious about government debt auctions because if demand falters Washington could have to entice buyers with higher interest rates. That could hurt an economic rebound by increasing borrowing costs for consumers on mortgages and car loans.

On Monday, stocks posted small gains after investors grappled with mixed earnings and economic reports. The market also logged a modest advance Friday.

Even with the selling Tuesday the stock market's rally appears intact. That is a sign that even many cautious investors aren't willing to pull out of stocks for fear of missing another leg of the rally.

"There is uncertainty about how fast the rally can go and how far it can go," said Robert



Traders work in the S&P 500 Pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange July 23, 2009.

REUTERS/John Gress

Phillips, a managing director at Spectrum Management Group of Raymond James & Associates.

Office Depot said consumers and small businesses continued to pare spending, especially on pricier items like furniture and computers. The office-supply chain tumbled 97 cents, or 18.1 percent, to \$4.38.

Coach fell 38 cents to \$28.05 after the company reported that earnings dropped 32 percent.

Not all corporate news was downbeat. Textron jumped \$1.96, or 17.6 percent, to \$13.11 after the maker of Cessna planes and Bell helicopters posted a profit excluding charges. Analysts had expected a loss.

Investors welcomed dealmaking in the tech industry. IBM Corp. agreed SPSS Inc. for \$1.2 billion. percent.

SPSS jumped \$14.36, or 40.9 percent, to \$49.45, while IBM fell 35 cents to \$117.28.

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Sprint Nextel Corp. intensified its focus on the market for prepaid cell phone service by announcing a \$483 million deal to buy Virgin Mobile USA Inc. Virgin Mobile rose \$1.07, or 25.4 percent, to \$5.28 and Sprint edged up 4 cents to \$4.59.

The dollar was mixed, and gold prices fell.

Light, sweet crude fell \$1.15 to settle at \$67.23 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.07, or 0.2 percent, to 551.95.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 1.3 percent, Germany's DAX index lost 1.5 percent, and France's CAC-40 slid 1.2 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock to acquire software maker average slipped less than 0.1

TSX undercut by falling commodities, U.S. data

By Ka Yan Ng

TORONTO (Reuters) - Toronto's main stock index fell hard on Tuesday as sharply lower commodity prices and weak U.S. consumer confidence prompted profit-taking after a big run-up in the index.

Disappointing quarterly corporate results in the United States also convinced investors to pocket some of the market's sharp recent gains. The slide was headed by the index's mining-laden materials group, which fell 3.5 percent on a drop in gold prices. The energy group dropped 1.92 percent as the price of oil fell. Shares of miner Goldcorp, the biggest drag on the index, were off 5.92 percent at C\$39.11, while Barrick Gold Corp was down 4.2 percent at C\$36.21. Kinross was also a heavy loser, down 6.2 percent at C\$20.55.

"Commodities certainly are driving it today, and financials are also in the game," said Adrian Mastracci, portfolio manager and president of KCM Wealth Management Inc in Vancouver.

"Today we got a little bit of profit-taking but it's also not too terribly surprising. We've had a long run now. It does point to the fact that some investors are being a little cautious, and rightly so."





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with Aruba, our beautiful beaches and perfect climate is an endless vacation paradise. However, the summer is traditionally known as "vacation time." With the children home from school, people make extensive plans to catch up on all the things they never seem to have enough time to do. They arrange elaborate family reunions and fly off to more exotic locations.

Traditionally, vacation for several reasons. Though not all countries have evolved into the practice of vacationing, most do provide some time off for newly married couples. The "honeymoon," originally month long, was a reprieve from daily pressures where almost total strangers could adjust to living with another person. Today the "honeymoon" can be an extension of the courting period where new couples can agree on goals of their joint lives together.

second reason "second for a vacation is the honeymoon." Special observances of wedding anniversaries are usually reserved for milestone dates like the tenth, twenty-fifth and the "golden" fiftieth anniversaries. these honeymoon replays, some couples have a ceremony where wedding vows are repeated. This vacation then serves as a reaffirmation of the original hopes and aspirations for their marriage.

A third reason is a school break. School breaks were originally provided because children were essential in agricultural areas. In North America, school summer

Endless Vacation

vacation is three months long because immigrants could not exclude their children from the farming demands during the short growing season. Similarly, the spring recess coincides with the labor intensive period when live stock gave birth and crops needed to be sowed and the fall break coincides with the traditional harvest period.

A forth reason for a rest is health related. Without question, the greatest health benefit is where a vacation helps in your stress reduction program. My father, who lived ninety six robust years, told me several times, a heart attack is natures way of telling you to slow down. Someone with ailing health has few prospects. Sickness carries a message that only the wisest heed.

fifth motivation Α for a vacation is a respite from our profession or occupation. This break could be the most important We labor frantically make ourselves more comfortable and end up with the byproduct of modern society, stress. Continuing stress causes a whole host of health problems. A recent survey reported forty percent of North Americans are suffering from chronic stress. Stress is what pushes some people decide to finally take a vacation. Early signs of stress are Mother Nature's way of telling us something is wrong and needs our attention.

A break from work could be vital to our well being. Unfortunately this critical period is also he least respected. Weekly,

we observe tourists trying to accomplish the most possible during their vacation. Enjoying all that the Island has to offer, they are partying, gambling, and frantically pursuing their hobbies. Their motto is "work hard, play hard."

Although the exercise we do on vacation can be a good stress reducer, moderate exercise needs to be done on a regular basis to contribute to overall health. Not working out the rest of the year and then overdoing it on vacation causes more stress. Many people need to return home to their "normal" lives to recuperate from their vacation. These people may have had a temporary break from their work and problems, but they certainly havenotbenefitedphysiologically from their vacation.

It has been estimated that managers spend at least 25 percent of their time resolving workplace conflicts — causing lowered office performance. Some companies are resorting to making their employees to take vacation days or "time out" in order to improve their profit margin. In our clinic we see many of our patients take a mini vacation or "time out" when they come in for an acupuncture session.

Acupuncture, an ancient Chinese therapy that is becoming more widespread in the West uses various procedures, such as heat and pressure but mainly fine needles, to stimulate points on the body to relieve pain by rebalancing the flow of energy. The world health organization

has listed many conditions treated safely and effectively by acupuncture including, allergies, hypertension, injuries, chronic pain, depression and fatigue.

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My father once told me that he had never heard anyone state in their closing years that they wished that they had worked harder. In our pursuit to make ourselves more comfortable, our daily affairs have a way of obscuring more important issues. Issues we ignore until we are forced to retire or Mother Nature gives us her message in sickness.

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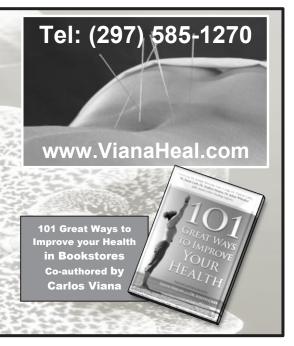
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The escalation of US war plans in Latin America PT 3

by Rick Rozoff

South America: NATO's Sixth Continent

Since the implementation of Plan Colombia in 2000 the US has enlisted several NATO allies for the counterinsurgency war in the nation and for broader purposes in the region. British SAS (Special Air Service) personnel have been assigned to the Colombian military for training purposes and Spain also sent military personnel.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has members in Europe and North America and partnerships in Asia (Afghanistan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) and Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia) and with Australia. The only inhabited continent it hasn't penetrated yet is South America,

In January of 2007 Colombian defense chief Santos traveled to Washington, London and Brussels, in the last-named city "for talks with the European Union," and then to Munich, Germany "for a meeting of NATO defense ministers." [18] Santos of course made the tour to garner more military aid from the US and its NATO allies. The European Union was reported to have provided \$154 million annually as of that year.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez warned in September of 2005 that "We discovered through intelligence work a military exercise that NATO has of an invasion against Venezuela, and we are preparing ourselves for that invasion."

He detailed the plan as consisting of a "military exercise...known as Plan Balboa [that] includes rehearsing simultaneous assaults by air, sea and land at a military base in Spain, involving troops from the US and NATO countries." [19] US troops deployed to the Dutch possession of Curacao off Venezuela's northwest coast were also part of the planned operation.

In spring of the following year it was reported that "Military maneuvers in the Caribbean are being carried out by the US, members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and countries from the hemisphere - excluding Cuba and Venezuela, which are the potential objectives of this demonstration of force" and that immediately afterwards "Future exercises will involve roughly 4,000 soldiers from the US, Holland, Belgium, Canada and France, who are scheduled to participate in a maneuver being dubbed the Joint Caribbean Lion, to take place between May 23 and June 15 in Curacao and Guadeloupe." [20]

Colombian Counterinsurgency War: Model For South Asia And Central America

For the past several years the US has also recruited and deployed Colombian military and security forces for the war in Afghanistan, supposedly to replicate the Plan Colombia drug war component in South Asia.

In April of 2007 Washington transferred its ambassador to Colombia, William Wood, to Afghanistan to oversee the application of the Colombian model of counterinsurgency under the guise of combating drug cultivation. Two years later Afghanistan is estimated to account for over 90% of the illegal opium production in the world.

A Bangladeshi analyst observed that "Based on 2003 figures, drug trafficking constitutes the third biggest global commodity in cash terms after oil and the arms trade.

"Afghanistan and Colombia are the largest drug producing economies in the world, which feed a flourishing criminal economy. These countries are heavily militarized and the drug trade is protected.

"Amply documented, the CIA has played a central role in the development of both the Latin American and Asian drug triangles.

"NATO, as an entity, has become an accessory to major narcotics proliferation and criminal activity. Opium is not truly being reduced: in fact all the figures show that it is on the rise. This is happening under the eyes of NATO as confirmed by several media reports." [21]

The intermediate way stations between Afghanistan and Colombia are Kosovo, not without reason dubbed the Colombia of the Balkans, and increasingly Iraq. The pattern is impossible to ignore.

Ironically given the above contention, BBC News reported two years ago that "The US hopes that some of the lessons learned in Colombia can be applied to Afghanistan..." [22]

Last January the current chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullin, visited Colombia and was quoted as saying "Our military-to-military relationship is exceptionally strong. We need to stay with them. They have achieved things that are remarkable." [23]

This March Mullin traveled to Colombia, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Mexico. Upon returning his comments were summarized as affirming that "The U.S. military is ready to help Mexico in its deadly war against drug cartels with some of the same counter-insurgency tactics used against militant networks in Iraq and Afghanistan" [24] and that "the Plan Colombia aid package could be an 'overarching' model for Pakistan and Afghanistan..." [25]

A feature on US Central Command chief David Petraeus' plans for the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan reported that "Military officials are also looking at U.S. relations with Colombia as a possible model for Afghanistan and Pakistan, saying something like Washington's Plan Colombia strategy could help the two countries against militants." [26]

The report from which the last quote is excerpted, "US sees lessons for Afghan war in Colombia," also includes this:

"Afghan police have already trained with their Colombian counterparts and Bogota is studying sending troops to Afghanistan to help out in eradication and demining." [27]

What is being exported to Afghanistan was made sickeningly evident last autumn when it was announced that Colombia had dismissed three generals and 22 soldiers of different ranks for the slaughter, at random apparently, of young slum dwellers in Bogota.

"The youths were lured from a Bogota slum with the promise of work; later their bodies were found in mass graves near the Venezuelan border.

"Human rights groups say that soldiers sometimes kill homeless people so that they can inflate their claims of success on the battlefield and receive promotion. [28] Among the three generals asked to resign was General Mario Montoya Uribe, "the author of the policy to use body counts to measure success against guerrillas" [29] who "allegedly encouraged promoting officers whose units kill the most leftist rebels." [30]

A later report provided gruesome details:

"More than 1,000 cases of illegal killings by the military are being investigated. There are dozens of cases of soldiers taking innocent men, murdering them and dressing them up as enemy combatants. Hundreds of members of the security forces are thought to have taken part in such activities." [31]

Recall in reference to the above that the report immediately preceding it states that the murdered were buried in mass graves near the Venezuelan border.

With this year's onslaught by the Sri Lankan military against LTTE strongholds appearing to have ended the nation's 33-year war, the Colombian government and

its American military suppliers are waging the only decades-long counterinsurgency war in the world, one now in its fifth decade.

It has been and remains a war against the poor, the landless, the disenfranchised, anyone would opposes the privileges and abuses of the large landholders, the business elite, the US-trained military establishment and the upper echelons of the narco-mafias.

Nine years ago Plan Colombia was designed to be the terminal phase of that war.

The Colombia model is now the prototype Washington has openly identified for application in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Mexico among other locations.

Plan Colombia: Reining In Resurgent South America Plan Colombia, additionally, is now being increasingly revealed as a military strategy for suppressing a rising tide of discontent with the aftereffects of post-Cold War neoliberalism throughout South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

The US and the West as a whole have used the Colombian regime and its formidable military machine to intimidate its neighbors Ecuador and Venezuela and the Andean region as a whole. Bordering on Panama, Colombia is also a potential launching pad for attacks on Central American nations like Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

A brief chronology of the past year and a half will demonstrate the heightened role that is intended for Colombia by its sponsors in Washington.

In January of 2008 Venezuelan President Chavez said that the US and its Colombian client "don't want peace in Colombia because it's the perfect excuse to have thousands of soldiers there, the CIA, military bases, spy planes and who knows what other...operations against Venezuela."

He added, "I accuse the government of Colombia of devising a conspiracy, acting as a pawn of the U.S. empire, of devising a military provocation against Venezuela." [32]

On March 1st of 2008 Colombia launched a raid inside Ecuador and killed 24 suspected FARC members, including the group's second in command Raul Reyes. An article titled "Colombian official says US intelligence helped raid on rebels" reported that "the Ecuadoran air force found that Colombia used ten 500-pound bombs, similar to those used by US forces in Iraq, which 'cannot be transported by Colombian airplanes.'

"Ecuadoran authorities also noted that a few hours before the Colombian bombing raid, an HC-130 military aircraft had taken off from the US air base at Manta, in southeastern Ecuador." [33]

Fearing that the armed incursion inside Ecuador was part of a broader plan of aggression, Venezuela deployed some 9,000 troops to its border with Colombia. On the day of the attack Venezuelan President Chavez warned his Colombian counterpart, "Don't think about doing that over here because it would very serious, it would be cause for war." [34]

Ecuadoran President Rafael Correa broke off diplomatic relations with Colombia after the attack and when it was later discovered that the bombing had killed an Ecuadoran national, warned of further consequences.

On March 6 Venezuela decreed a state of general alert and sent ten battalions, tanks and planes to the Colombian border.

US President Bush told reporters that "America would continue to stand with Colombia." [35]

Three weeks later Ecuador announced that it would "install electronic surveillance equipment and boost its military presence along its border with Colombia" and President Correa warned that his country would "never again" allow a foreign attack on its soil. [36]

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Making of memoir: Jackson, Jackie and `Moonwalk'



FILE - In this March 17, 2005 file photo, Pop star Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif., to begin Jackson's trial on charges of child molestation.

(AP Photo/Michael A. Mariant, file)

By HILLEL ITALIE, AP National Writer

NEW YORK – On the morning after Michael Jackson died, literary agent Joy Harris began getting the e-mails: When, publishers wanted to know, would Jackson's memoir "Moonwalk" be returned to print?

"It did seem abrupt to me," Harris said. "But when I thought about it, it didn't surprise me, in the way that everything is so immediate these days."

Within days, Harris had forwarded the e-mails to Jackson's attorneys and soon the real discussions began. "Moonwalk," originally acquired by then-Doubleday editor Jackie Kennedy and published in 1988, will be reissued in October by Random House Inc. with a first printing of 100,000 copies and a new introduction from a Jackson friend who has not been identified.

Jackson's representatives wanted to act quickly. On July

23, executors of the singer's estate filed papers in a Los Angeles court stating that book deals should be reached "as soon as possible" in order to capitalize on "the notoriety surrounding Michael Jackson's unexpected death" and ensure that "profits for the Estate will be maximized." According to Harris, several publishers were interested in the memoir but — assuming the price was right — both Harris and the lawyers who had handled Jackson's book wanted to stay with his original editor, Shaye Areheart. Her Harmony imprint at Random House will handle the release. (Kennedy died of cancer in 1994.)

"She was professional with Michael and she was respectful," Harris, who declined to offer financial details for the new edition, said of Areheart. "She had worked for Jackie a long time and she was comfortable around celebrity."

The book is also coming out

in Germany, France and the United Kingdom.

"Moonwalk" was a classic celebrity project. It was not written or even conceived by Jackson. The contents were kept secret right up to the moment of release; around the printing plant the book had the code name "Neil Armstrong." It topped The New York Times hardcover nonfiction list, but within a few years was forgotten and out of print.

The idea began in the mid-1980s, when "Thriller" was at the top of the charts and the singer at the height of his career. Jackie Kennedy, a celebrity at least as famous and even more secretive as Jackson, admired him, was fascinated by him and wanted him to tell his story. Kennedy and fellow editor Areheart met with Jackson at his home in Encino, Calif. Areheart remembered Jackson as "smart and funny and gracious," without any symptoms of the tabloid target he would become over the following two decades.

"He was just a lively, intouch guy," she said. "And he did have his act together."

Other publishers were

interested but Jackson was equally in awe of Kennedy and wanted to publish with her.

"They got along very well," Areheart said. "She thought he was so sweet."

Much of the field work was done by Areheart. Over the next few years, she would fly out to California and meet with Jackson at his Encino home, often in a large study that had a fireplace, and ask questions that he would answer by speaking into a tape recorder. The manuscript was assembled, with Jackson's input, by music writer Stephen Davis, whose other books include biographies of Bob Marley, Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones.

The project took longer than Areheart had anticipated, not because Jackson was uncooperative, but because

he was busy — touring, recording and otherwise being Michael Jackson.

"His time was constantly not his own," she said.

"Moonwalk" was released in the spring of 1988. Reviewing the book in The New York Times, music critic Ken Tucker called "Moonwalk" eccentric, contradictory and helplessly revealing. Jackson, he wrote, was "a master of deadpan banality," slipping out "significant information between the lines of psychobabble."

Along with common statements about fame ("It hurts to be mobbed") and the media ("What happened to truth? Did it go out of style?"), Jackson confided to being physically beaten by his father, to having twice had his nose changed by plastic surgery and to wearing just one glove because "two gloves seemed so ordinary." The book was dedicated to Fred Astaire and included a brief note from Kennedy, who asked, "What can one say about Michael Jackson?"

Doubleday printed 300,000 way beyond the budg copies for release and any book publisher."

eventually sold around 500,000, according to the current publisher, Harmony. The promotional budget was \$150,000, a lot of money for 1988, although not quite in range for the man who perfected the long-form music video.

Jacqueline Deval, then the book's publicist and now publisher of Hearst Books, said she had just one conversation with Jackson. She could not persuade him to give interviews, but he was very eager to discuss a possible promotional spot.

"He had this fabulous idea for a TV commercial for the book," she said. There would be music playing and a camera would show his feet, his steps moving to the beat. And then a major celebrity friend, such as Elizabeth Taylor, would say something about Michael Jackson.

Then the camera would pan up to his knees, and there would be another celebrity talking about him. And so on, until we finally see his face. I think it would have been fabulous, but it was way beyond the budget of any book publisher."

Fox's Glenn Beck: President Obama is a racist

NEW YORK – Fox News Channel commentator Glenn Beck says he believes President Obama is a racist. Beck made the statement

Beck made the statement during a guest appearance on the "Fox & Friends" morning show. He said Obama has exposed himself as a person with "a deep-seated hatred for white people or the white culture."

His remarks came during a discussion of Obama's reaction to the arrest of Harvard University scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Gates is black and was arrested for disorderly conduct by a white police officer over a misunderstanding about a break-in at Gates' home.

There was no immediate response from the White House.

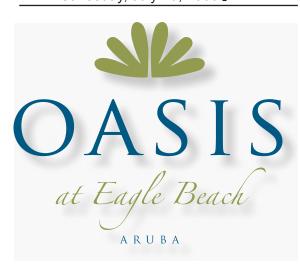


FILE - In this May 5, 2009 file photo, newscaster Glenn Beck attends the Time 100 Gala, a celebration of TIME Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world in New York.

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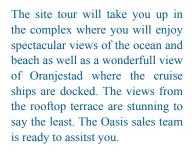
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Investigators search the home of Michael Jackson physician, Dr. Conrad Murray in Red Rock Country Club in Las Vegas on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, seeking documents as part of a manslaughter investigation into the singer's death.

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Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS - Authorities searched the sprawling Las Vegas home and medical office of Michael Jackson's personal doctor Tuesday, seeking documents as part of a manslaughter investigation into the singer's death.

Los Angeles police and federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents entered Dr. Conrad Murray's home in a gated community while

By KEN RITTER and OSKAR others across town searched Murray's medical offices, Global Cardiovascular Associates Inc.

> Michael Flanagan, assistant special agent in charge of the Las Vegas DEA office, said the warrants were sealed and he couldn't say what documents agents were seeking. He said he expected the search would last five hours.

> It was the second time in less than a week that investigators targeted Murray's property. Last week in Houston

Agents descend on Vegas home of Jackson doctor

authorities searched his clinic labeled him a suspect. and storage. Court records show they were seeking evidence of whether the doctor committed manslaughter.

toxicology reports pending, investigators are working under the theory that Murray gave Jackson the powerful anesthetic propofol to help him go to sleep, and the drug caused his heart to stop, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. Murray told investigators he administered propofol sometime in the early morning of June 25, the day Jackson died, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The official told AP that Murray left the bedroom where Jackson was sedated and returned to find the star unresponsive.

Police have said Murray is cooperating and have not

When authorities arrived Tuesday, Flanagan said the doctor was at his Las Vegas home located on a cul de sac near the 18th hole of a golf course. Murray kept out of sight of neighbors who milled about outside the house and the reporters the residents had invited into the private community.

Flanagan said staff members at Murray's medical office were cooperative.

Murray's lawyer in Houston, Edward Chernoff, has said the doctor "didn't prescribe or administer anything that should have killed Michael Jackson." Late Monday, his office posted a statement online that said, "things tend to shake out when all the facts are made known, and I'm sure that will happen here as well."

Chernoff's On Tuesday, spokeswoman said the lawyer had no immediate comment on the searches.

Jackson is believed to have been using propofol for about two years and investigators are trying to determine how many other doctors administered it. Murray told investigators he had given Jackson the drug several times before, the official said.

Jackson relied on the drug like an alarm clock, the official said, explaining a doctor would administer it when Jackson went to sleep then stop the IV drip when the singer wanted to wake up.

Using propofol to sleep exceeds the drug's intended purpose. The drug can depress breathing and lower heart rates and blood pressure.

Home use of propofol is virtually unheard of. Because of its risks, propofol is supposed to be administered only in medical settings by trained personnel.

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Senate Judiciary Committee during the markup vote on the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, Tuesday, July 28, 2009, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Judiciary panel OKs Sotomayor for high court

JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday voted to approve Sonia Sotomayor as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice over nearly solid Republican opposition, sending the nomination to the Senate floor for a historic confirmation vote. The panel voted 13-6 in favor of Sotomayor, with just one Republican, Sen. Lindsey Graham, joining Democrats to support her. The nearly partyline tally masked deeper political divisions within Republican ranks about confirming President Barack Obama's first high court nominee. "I'm deciding to vote for a woman I would not have chosen," Graham said. Obama's choice to nominate the first-ever Latina to the highest court is "a big deal," he added, declaring that, "America has changed for the better with her selection." The solid Republican vote against Sotomayor on the Judiciary panel reflected the choice many party conservatives have made to side with their core supporters and oppose a judge they charge will bring liberal bias and racial and gender prejudices to her decisions. Others in the party, however, are concerned that doing so could hurt their efforts to broaden their base, and particularly alienate Hispanic

voters, a fast-growing segment of the U.S. electorate.

Democrats, for their part, are lining up solidly in favor of the 55-year-old federal appeals court judge, the daughter of Puerto Rican parents who was raised in a poor New York housing project and educated at prestigious universities.

"There's not one example — let alone a pattern — of her ruling based on bias or prejudice or sympathy," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat and the Judiciary Committee chairman. "She has administered justice without favoring one group of persons over another."

The senior Republican, Sen. Jeff Sessions, countered that Sotomayor's speeches and a few of her rulings show she would let her opinions interfere in decisions.

"In speech after speech, year after year, Judge Sotomayor set forth a fully formed, I believe, judicial philosophy that conflicts with the great American tradition of blind justice and fidelity to the law as written," Sessions said. But even Sessions acknowledged the landmark nature of Sotomayor's nomination, in a remark that revealed just how certain he is that he will end up on the losing side of next week's vote.

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Warning signs missed in baby dismemberment case

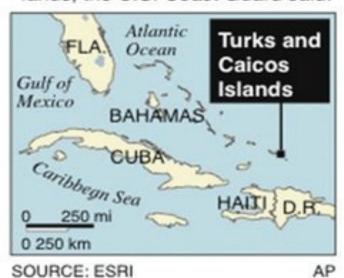


Scott Buchholz, at his parents home in San Antonio, Tuesday, July 28, 2009, talks about his infant baby boy who was fatally stabbed and mutilated Sunday. The baby's mother, Otty Sanchez has confessed to killing Scotty Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez. Scott Buchholz, the father of a newborn baby who authorities say was mutilated, killed and cannibalized by Otty Sanchez said Tuesday he wants to see her executed.

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Boat capsized

A vessel carrying as many as 200 Haitian migrants capsized near the Turks and Caicos Islands, the U.S. Coast Guard said.



This image released by the US Coast guard in 2004 shows an overloaded Haitian migrant vessel at sea between Haiti and eastern Cuba. Authorities were searching for at least 70 Haitian migrants off the Turks and Caicos Islands, after their overloaded boat capsized, killing at least nine, but were not hopeful survivors would be found.

(AFP/HO/File

Haitian boat capsizes; 113 saved, dozens missing

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Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., right, talks with the committee's ranking Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 28, 2009, during the committee's markup vote on the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.

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"I think all of us feel that it's a good thing that we have a Hispanic on the Supreme Court," he said minutes after the Judiciary Committee vote.

Sotomayor is not expected to tip the court's ideological

balance, since she's replacing Justice David Souter, a liberal nominated by a Republican president. "She can be no worse than

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Souter from our point of view," Graham remarked. Republicans pointed with particular concern to Sotomayor's record on gun and property rights, as well as a much-discussed rejection by her appeals court panel of the reverse discrimination claims of white firefighters who were denied promotions.

The National Rifle Association is opposing Sotomayor and took the extraordinary step last week of warning senators last week that it would include senators' votes on her confirmation in its annual candidate ratings, meaning a "yes" vote would hurt their grade. It's the first time

"Some of her decisions demonstrated the kind of results-oriented decision-making, one that suggests perhaps a liberal judicial activism that is too often steered the court in the wrong direction over the

Souter from our point of last years," said Sen. John view," Graham remarked. Cornyn, a Republican.

And every Republican senator alluded critically to the now-infamous remark Sotomayor made in 2001 that she hoped a "wise Latina woman" would often reach better conclusions than a white male without similar experiences.

Sotomayor dismissed the comments during her confirmation hearings as a rhetorical flourish gone awry, a defense that rang hollow with many of her critics.

"I regret that I cannot vote for her ... not she's a Latina woman (or) because she said all those things, (but) because she wouldn't defend what she said, and stand up and say, 'I really believe this, but I can still be a great judge anyway, because I will never let that interfere with my judging,' "said Sen. Tom Coburn, a Republican.







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Suspect pleads not guilty in abortion provider killing

Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — An anti-abortion activist pleaded not guilty Tuesday to opening fire on late-term abortion provider George Tiller after a witness gave chilling testimony that he saw the alleged shooter point a gun at the Kansas doctor's head before pulling the trigger.

Scott Roeder, 51, is accused of threatening two ushers who tried to stop him during the May 31 shooting in the foyer of Tiller's church.

Roeder, dressed in a jacket and tie but shackled at his ankles, pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and aggravated assault charges after witnesses described seeing him shoot Tiller and speed away from the church. Roeder's public defender entered the plea on Roeder's behalf and the Kansas City, Missouri, man did not speak during the hearing.

If convicted, Roeder is likely to face life in prison. Prosecutors have said they will not pursue the death penalty, and Roeder would be eligible for parole after 25 years.

Tiller had been the target of relentless protests at his Wichita clinic, where he practiced as one of the nation's few providers of lateterm abortions. He was shot in both arms by an anti-abortion activist in 1993.

For weeks, Roeder has refused to discuss his alleged role in Tiller's death, advocating in

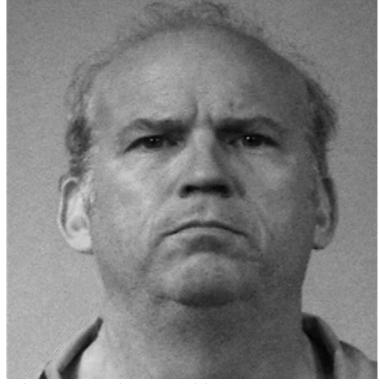
general terms for justifiable homicide — which he has repeatedly said is an acceptable action to protect "unborn children." In rambling phone and jailhouse interviews since his arrest, Roeder has told the AP he would be pleased if others took action to stop abortion by any means necessary. "Violence is not wrong in all situations, so if it takes that — then if it is done righteously — then, if it's done, it is OK," Roeder has said. Unlike his peers, Tiller embraced a high profile even after being wounded in 1993. His clinic, heavily fortified after a bombing in 1986, became the target of both peaceful and violent protests. In 1991, a 45-day "Summer of Mercy" campaign organized by Operation Rescue drew

demonstrators to Wichita. More than 2,700 arrests resulted.

During Tuesday's hearing, an usher at the church in Wichita, Gary Hoepner, testified that he and Tiller were chatting when a man walked through the door, put a gun to Tiller's head and shot him. Hoepner identified the man as Roeder. Hoepner said he wasn't sure if the weapon used to kill Tiller was real until he saw Tiller fall to the ground. He said he followed the shooter, whom he identified as Roeder, out of the church but stopped after Roeder warned him.

"'I've got a gun and I'll shoot you," Hoepner recalled the gunman saying. "I believed him and I stopped."

He said he later called police



This undated booking photo originally released Tuesday, June 2, 2009 by the Sedgwick County Jail shows Scott Roeder, who is suspected in the shooting death of abortion provider George

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number on the shooter's car. Osburn said some of Hoepner's directly to the other usher.

to give them the license plate testimony was based on assumptions, including But defense attorney Steve whether the gunman spoke



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In this Feb. 13, 2009 file photo an inmate is returned to a holding cell after visiting the dentist at the Tamms Correctional Center in Tamms, Ill. Lawmakers in Illinois and several other states, faced with a combined budget gaps in the billions, are looking at prison staff reductions and other measures as a way to reduce budget deficits.

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ST. LOUIS – Tony Ferranto worries as he walks his patrol at maximum-security Menard Correctional Center in Illinois

Only 150 officers stand watch

more than capacity. Each guard covers eight inmates when they are corralled into the cafeteria, twice as many as a few years ago. And the governor says more cuts may

"I'm not trying to glorify our these days over more than job. It has inherent dangers," 3,500 inmates — about 700 said Ferranto, a 32-year-old

married father of two. "But when you're dealing with these people under these circumstances, it's a bomb ready to go off."

States desperate to save money are cutting back on the massive expense of running prisons — eliminating guards, trimming drug treatment and parole programs and, in two states, releasing inmates

State officials stress they will make the cuts carefully, without jeopardizing prison security. Nevada's chief of corrections has suggested saving staff time by putting inmates under lockdown, closing visiting rooms and mothballing security towers, relying on guards patrolling prison perimeters in vehicles. Nine states are considering closing prisons or cutting staff, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, while others are shedding inmate education programs that researchers say are critical to reducing recidivism.

Kentucky has released more than 2,800 inmates early since last year by allowing prisoners to get more credit than normal for time served. More than 150 violent felons and two dozen sex offenders were initially set free because of a loophole that has since been closed.

A court found the Kentucky early-release program failed to take into account the nature of the crimes or "financial or human costs." Prosecutors had challenged the program. The state Supreme Court will hear the case next month.

The overseer of Kentucky's system calls the program "very sound public policy," figuring parolees are more likely to be productive surrounded by family, working and perhaps paying child support and restitution, than in a prison yard.

And Michigan has thinned its prison population from more than 51,000 to about 47,500 through paroles and commutations and an expanded effort to keep parolees from committing new crimes.

The goal is to get the number below 45,000 and close three state prisons and five prison camps to save \$120 million. Gov. Jennifer Granholm's administration says only lowrisk offenders are getting early narole.

The cost of running state lockups, including paying guards, offering drug treatment and running probation and parole programs, is among the biggest drains on state budgets, making them vulnerable when states face a cash crunch.

Illinois budgeted more last year for the Department of Corrections than for anything except human services and health care. Gov. Pat Quinn, facing an overall \$11 billion budget gap, has proposed 1,000 corrections cutting jobs and "downsizing" some prisons.

"I don't think there's any question that I can't make any decisions that would put anyone in jeopardy," Quinn said Tuesday. "We have to do this in a prudent manner that doesn't jeopardize anyone's safety."

Ferranto says inmates notice there are fewer guards, many of them weary from double shifts. Overcrowding Menard has forced inmates of different races to share cells — a practice the prison prefers to avoid because of the risk of gang violence.

At the Stateville prison in Joliet, guard Ralph Portwood said some watchtowers already go unmanned because of cutbacks, and inmates are double-bunked almost throughout the prison.

"Security has taken the back seat to the budget right now," Portwood said. "I know everyone's got a job to do. But remember, security should supersede everything."

State officials insist they are not placing the public in danger.

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to trim the inmate population by 27,000 to save \$1.2 billion. He proposes keeping some offenders in county jails and assigning others, included aged and ailing inmates, to home confinement. But his administration says the measures do not amount to an early-release program.

"It's unfair to describe it that Schwarzenegger's way," prison secretary, Matthew Cate, said recently. misleading. It makes it sound like we are opening the gates. and that's just not the case." lawmakers Nevada have

ordered state workers to take a day off without pay starting this month. But the state corrections chief asked for more time to figure out which of his 1,800 staffers could actually take time off without jeopardizing safety.

"We can't just ask the inmates to behave overnight and leave them alone," Corrections Director Howard Skolnik said. Other states are cutting back on programs aimed at keeping inmates out of jail once they're released.

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Warning signs missed in baby dismemberment case

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The warning signs were there. Otty Sanchez, a schizophrenic with a history of hospitalizations, wasn't taking medication and was depressed after her son's birth, the boy's father said. A simple request seemed to set her off, alarming him and his family.

Yet, the 33-year-old woman was staying in a house where she had access to samurai swords. Child welfare officials were never called.

Instead. Sanchez's troubles became apparent to authorities when they found her before dawn Sunday screaming that she had killed her baby. Her 3½-week-old son was dismembered in a scene so gruesome that police were left shaken.

"Maybe missed" we warning signs, San Antonio Chief Police William McManus said. "I don't know."

Sanchez remained hospitalized Tuesday recovering from selfinflicted cuts to her torso

own throat. The former home health care worker is charged with capital murder and is being held on \$1 million bond. Calls to relatives Tuesday were not immediately returned and it was not clear whether Sanchez had an attorney.

Authorities said Sanchez tried killing herself after butchering her newborn son, Scott Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez, with a steak knife and two swords while her sister and two nieces, ages 5 and 7, slept in another room.

Sanchez told police who described a scene so horrifying that investigators could barely speak to one another — that the devil made her kill, mutilate and eat parts of her only child. Scott W. Buchholz, the infant's father who met Sanchez six years ago while they were studying to be pharmacists assistants, said he isn't buying it. He said although his girlfriend

and an attempt to slice her had postpartum depression and told him a week before the killing that she was schizophrenic, she didn't appear unstable.

> He wants prosecutors to pursue the death penalty. "She killed my son. She should burn in hell," Buchholz, 33, told The Associated Press.

> Otty Sanchez's medical history is muddled. A family member said Sanchez had been undergoing psychiatric treatment and that a hospital called looking for her several months ago. Gloria Sanchez, Otty's aunt, said her niece had been "in and out of a psychiatric ward." In May 2008, Otty Sanchez's mother, Manuela Sanchez, called police after her daughter didn't return from a trip to Austin, saying she was concerned about her daughter's safety. Manuela Sanchez told police she suspected Otty was into drugs and specifically told police she wasn't suffering from any mental issues.



This July 18, 2009 photo released by Scott Buchholz shows Otty Sanchez with her son Scott Wesley Buchholz-Sanchez in San Antonio. Sanchez, 33, is charged with capital murder in the baby's death and could face the death penalty. When authorities found the infant's body Sunday, July 26, 2009, Sanchez told officers the devil made her do it, police said.

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schizophrenic and takes six anti-psychotic and anticonvulsive medications, said Otty had postpartum depression and had been going to regular counseling sessions after the birth, but refused to take prescription medication for depression. Still, he said she seemed fine.

"She seemed like a a very caring, loving mother. She

Buchholz, who is himself held him, she breast fed him. She did everything for him that was nice," he said. On July 20, Sanchez was taken to the hospital for depression and released less than a day later, Buchholz said. Sanchez told him that she was schizophrenic and was going to live with her parents and sister. Sanchez was arrested at her mother's house, where police found her and the dead infant.



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King Abdullah II of Jordan, right, speaks with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, left, during their meeting at the Royal Palace in Amman, Jordan, Monday, July 27, 2009. Gates said Monday the United States will seek much tougher United Nations sanctions on Iran if that nation spurns the offer of talks on its disputed nuclear program.

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VIVIAN TYSON **Associated Press Writer** PROVIDENCIALES, Turks

and Caicos (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard used boats, airplanes and a helicopter



Haitian boat capsizes; 113 saved, dozens missing

to search the warm, shallow waters off the Turks and Caicos Islands on Tuesday for some 70 Haitians believed missing after their overloaded sailboat capsized. Rescuers pulled 113 survivors from reefs, and police recovered 11 bodies.

An estimated 200 people were aboard the boat when it capsized, said Petty Officer 1st Class Jennifer Johnson, a Coast Guard spokeswoman in Miami. The Coast Guard was leading the search for survivors by sea and air.

"We're really hoping we can find as many people as possible," Johnson said.

The Haitians had been at sea for three days when the migrants spotted a police vessel and accidentally steered the boat onto a reef as they tried to hide, survivor Alces Julien told The Associated Press at a hospital were some survivors were being treated for dehydration.

"We saw police boats and we tried to hide until they passed," he said. "We hit a reef and the boat broke up.'

But Deputy Police Commissioner Hubert Hughes said police were not pursuing the migrant vessel — which did not have a motor — and were involved only as rescuers.

"They were traveling in waters

that are quite dangerous if you don't know the area quite well," he said.

Rescuers found 113 survivors stranded on two reefs roughly two miles (three kilometers) offshore of West Caicos Island, said Lt. Cmdr. Matt Moorlag, a Coast Guard spokesman. Most of them were ferried to land by Turks and Caicos authorities using small boats. Five survivors were found on

West Caicos after apparently swimming ashore, Hughes said. He said authorities have recovered 11 bodies.

Johnson said the shipwreck happened Monday afternoon, but Hughes said it might have sunk Sunday night. Turks and Caicos authorities reported the capsizing Monday to the Coast Guard, which patrols the region for drug traffickers and illegal migrants and often helps in search and rescue efforts.

Survivors told authorities the boat set out from northern Haiti with about 160 passengers, then stopped at an unknown location and picked up 40 others before sinking near the Turks and Caicos, an island chain between Haiti and the Bahamas, Johnson said. She said overloading appeared to be a factor.

"These vessels, they are grossly overloaded," she said.

"Two hundred people on a sailboat is astronomical."

Haitian migrants captured in the region are normally returned to the northeastern city of Cap-Haitien. A Haitian official there said he was busy processing 124 migrants returned by U.S. authorities on Monday and did not know when the survivors from Turks and Caicos might arrive.

People smuggling well-established, wordof-mouth industry impoverished Haiti. Brokers ply poor neighborhoods and marketplaces throughout the country, offering spots for about \$500. Many of the boats leave under the cover of night from a small barrier island called La Tortue, off the northeast coast.

The migrants routinely are trying to reach the United States, the Bahamas or Turks and Caicos to escape misery in the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation.

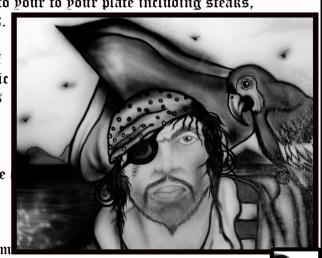
In May 2007, an overcrowded sloop carrying more than 160 migrants capsized off the Turks and Caicos Islands. Some of the victims were eaten by sharks. The 78 people who survived accused a Turks and Caicos patrol boat of ramming their vessel as they approached shore and towing them into deeper water.

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U.S. revokes visas of four Honduran officials

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OCOTAL, Nicaragua (AP) — The U.S. government said Tuesday it has revoked the diplomatic visas of four Honduran officials, stepping up pressure on coup-installed leaders who insist they can resist international demands to restore the ousted president.

The U.S. State Department did not name the four, but a Honduran official said they included the Supreme Court magistrate who ordered the arrest of ousted President Manuel Zelaya and the president of Honduras' Congress.

The State Department is also reviewing the visas of all officials serving under interim President Roberto Micheletti, department spokesman Ian Kelly said.

Micheletti's Deputy Foreign Minister Marta Lorena Alvarado said Supreme Court Justice Tomas Arita and Congressional President Jose Alfredo Saavedro were among those whose visas removed.

Arita signed the order for Zelaya's arrest several days before soldiers whisked him out of the country on June 28. Alvarado insisted the decision would not have major

consequences for Micheletti's government, which has rejected international demands to restore Zelaya despite the suspension of millions of dollars in U.S. and European development aid and the threat of further sanctions.

"It's part of the international community's incomprehension of what is happening in Honduras," Alvarado told The Associated Press. "It's not definitive and it will not have major consequences for the future of Honduras."

Zelaya, who earlier complained that international efforts to restore him were flagging, said the decision was "correct" and urged even tougher measures. "We should keep insisting that the United States pressure the coupleadersmoretogiveaclear demonstration of repudiation of the coup," Zelaya said from the Nicaraguan town of Ocotal, where he has parked government-in-exile near the Honduran border, accompanied by hundreds of supporters.

The U.S. decision came on the one-month anniversary of the coup and at a time when international mediation efforts to reinstate Zelaya are deadlocked. The Honduran Supreme Court and Congress have spent a week mulling over a U.S.-backed agreement that would restore Zelaya and give amnesty to the coup leaders.

Kelly said the U.S. Embassy "is urging the Honduran Congress to send a strong signal of support" for the compromise proposed by mediator Oscar Arias, the Costa Rican president. Micheletti has repeatedly rejected any agreement that would return Zelaya, though he has promised to abide by any decision Congress and the Supreme Court make.

Former Honduran Ambassador Roberto Flores told The Associated Press on Monday that his credentials also have been removed. He was appointed by Zelaya but recognized the Micheletti government after the coup.

Flores, who is still in the United States, said he believed Zelaya's ouster was legal because the Supreme Court had ordered his arrest and Congress voted to remove him from office.

However, the soldiers flew Zelaya out of the country instead of turning him over for prosecution, in a move that even Honduran military lawyers have said was illegal but necessary.

Zelaya has received support



Supporters of Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya burn tires as they demonstrate in Tegucigalpa, Tuesday, July 28, 2009. The U.S. government said Tuesday it has revoked the diplomatic visas of four officials in Honduras' coup-installed government, stepping up pressure on interim leaders who insist they can resist international demands to restore the ousted president. Zelaya was ousted in a coup on June 28.

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governments, which have condemned the coup and isolated the Micheletti government diplomatically. Four clothing companies who manufacture products in Honduran factories — Nike, Inc., Adidas AG, Gap Inc. and

from nearly all foreign

Honduran factories — Nike, Inc., Adidas AG, Gap Inc. and Knights Apparel — released a letter addressed to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton calling for the "restoration of democracy in Honduras."

The companies said they were "very concerned about the continuation of violence if relevance this "dispute is not resolved begins.

immediately." In an e-mail sent to AP, Nike spokeswoman Kate Myers said the company had "no intention of canceling orders with contract factories in Honduras."

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez clearly bet the interim government could outlast Zelaya until presidential elections scheduled for November. He said Zelaya, whose constitutionally mandated single term ends Jan. 27, might start to lose relevance as campaigning

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Nigerian troops surround Islamic militant hideout

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MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) —Army troops traded fire with Islamic militants Tuesday and deployed armored vehicles to surround the suspected hideout of a radical Muslim leader accused of orchestrating three days of violence in Africa's most populous nation.

A tense calm returned to several towns elsewhere in northern Nigeria after authorities imposed curfews and poured security forces onto the streets to quell a wave of militant attacks against police, which have killed dozens of people since Sunday.

Appealing for calm, President Umaru Yar'Adua told reporters: "This situation is being brought under control." Sporadic gunfire was reported through the day in Maiduguri, capital of Borno state, where some of the worst violence occurred Monday. Police exchanged intermittent fire with militants as they tried to raid their camps in the city, according to local journalist Olugbenga Akinbule. He said more than 3,000 people had



In this photo taken Monday, July 27, 2009, arrested members of a local Islamic group sit outside a police station alongside their seized possessions in Kano, Nigeria. Nigerian authorities imposed curfews and poured security forces onto the streets of several northern towns on Tuesday after a two-day wave of Islamic militant attacks against police killed dozens of people.

been displaced in the city.

Later in the day, the army sent armored vehicles to Maiduguri and deployed them in a residential district that is believed to be a stronghold of the sect. Officers said they believed militant leader Ustaz Mohammed Yusuf was holed

up in a house in the district. As army vehicles approached and opened fire, sect members fired back, soldiers said. An Associated Press reporter in the area saw smoke billowing above homes.

Army Maj. Gen. Saleh Maina said troops were hunting for sect members in homes and a mosque and near the Maiduguri railway station. He said the operation was being carried out "to prevent further loss of lives and property."

Troops and police had begun blocking off the area Monday, sealing streets and ordering residents to leave for their own safety. Elsewhere in the city, the bodies of dozens of dead militants lay on roadsides.

police National chief Ogbonnaya Onovo said Monday at least 55 people have died in the violence since it began Sunday, including 50 militants and five police officers. His spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu said Tuesday authorities were still adding up the number of dead

and arrested, and declined to give total figures.

Nigeria's 140 million people

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are nearly evenly divided between Christians, who predominate in the south, primarily northernbased Muslims. Shariah was implemented in 12 northern states after Nigeria returned to civilian rule in 1999 following years of oppressive military regimes. More than 10,000 Nigerians have died in sectarian violence since then. The radical sect behind the latest violence is known by several different names, including Al-Sunna Jamma, or "Followers of Mohammed's Teachings" in Arabic, and "Boko Haram," "Western which means education is sin" in the local Hausa dialect. Onovo referred to the militants as Taliban, although the group has no known affiliation with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan.

The group, which wants to see traditional government replaced by a Talibanstyle state based on a strict interpretation of Shariah law and the Quran, first gained notoriety with a similar wave of assaults on New Year's Eve 2003. More attacks followed in late 2004.

Analysts say trouble has brewed for months, as police began raiding militant hideouts and finding explosives and arms.

Yar'Adua said the Islamic militants had been "preparing arms, learning how to make explosives and bombs to disturb our peace and force their ideas on the rest of Nigerians."

"Luckily, our security forces have been tracking them for years and I believe that the operation we have launched now will be an operation that will contain them once and for all," he said, referring to Maiduguri.

"What we have now is the situation in Borno state where the leader of the so-called Taliban group is resident, where most of them have migrated from all over the northern states to prepare, and declare a holy war," Yar'Adua said.

The president also said security forces would continue "security surveillance all over the northern states to fish out any remnants of these elements and deal with them."

The latest violence began Sunday in the northern city of Bauchi and spread the next day to three other predominantly Muslim northern states.

Mohammed Maigari Khanna, a spokesman for the governor of Bauchi state, said security forces Tuesday were searching for militants who had tried to flee and had arrested some of them. He said a dusk-to-dawn curfew had been imposed and security agents had blanketed the area.

In Kano state's Wudil district, where militants on Monday attacked a police station, 17 people were arrested overnight, bringing the total detained there to 53, according to Kano police spokesman Baba Mohammed. He said Kano was calm and police reinforcements had arrived to back up local security forces



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envoy presses Israel on settlemen

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM – Israel's prime minister and the top U.S. Mideast envoy said they made progress Tuesday on their dispute over West Bank settlements, but offered no sign of a breakthrough at a meeting in Jerusalem.

President Barack Obama's envoy, George Mitchell, has been pressing Israel to halt all construction in settlements built on captured land claimed by the Palestinians, stressing that such a gesture would improve prospects for a peace deal. But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says limited construction must be permitted to allow "natural growth" in the existing settler population.

Netanyahu and Mitchell both reported "progress" after their meeting, but gave no details on how close they were to resolving the disagreement.

think we're making progress toward achieving enable us to continue, and in fact complete, a peace process that would be established between us and our Palestinian neighbors and ultimately the entire region," Netanyahu

The settlement issue has given rise to the worst public tensions between Israel and its closest ally in nearly two decades. Seeking to calm Israeli nerves, Mitchell stressed Tuesday that Israel and the U.S. were "friends and allies." But he offered no hint that an agreement was near and said only "good progress" was made.

On Monday, Mitchell said Israel must start "dealing" with its West Bank settlements as a step toward bringing comprehensive peace to the Middle East. The Palestinians have refused to restart negotiations with Israel unless Netanyahu freezes all settlement activity.

Mitchell is one of four senior

an understanding that would U.S. envoys visiting Israel this week, all part of a U.S. effort to forge a wider peace that would end Israel's conflicts with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon and normalize Israel's ties with the rest of the Arab world

> "That is our objective, and it is to that which we have committed ourselves fully," Mitchell said after meeting Netanyahu.

> On Monday, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates met with his Israeli counterpart to discuss Iran's nuclear program. Gates urged the Israelis to give the U.S. more time to pursue its diplomatic outreach to Tehran. Israel has issued strong hints that it is prepared to attack Iran if diplomatic efforts to curb Iran's nuclear program don't bear fruit.

> Israel has carried out preemptive strikes targeting perceived nuclear threats before. In 1981, Israeli jets bombed Iraq's Osirak reactor, and in late 2007 Israel

destroyed a building in Syria that Israeli and U.S. officials identified as a nuclear reactor under construction. Syria said it was an abandoned military facility.

Israel, which itself is widely believed to possess nuclear weapons, thinks that Iran is developing nuclear weapons — a development it sees as an existential threat. Iran could also play a key role in U.S. peace efforts because it has close ties with Israel's staunchest foes, Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon and Hamas militants Palestinian areas.

The pressure on Israel over the settlementsbyPresidentBarack Obama's administration is exceptional. Previous U.S. administrations criticized settlement construction as counterproductive but have generally tolerated it.

In response to the steppedup pressure, Israeli settlers set up several tents and shacks on hilltops in the West



sraeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, meets U.S. Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell in Jerusalem, Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. Mideast peace envoy George Mitchell are trying to resolve a public dispute over Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

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Bank overnight. Settlement supporters also rallied in Jerusalem on Monday night, holding signs condemning the U.S. administration.

Israel captured the West Bank, now home to some 2.5 million Palestinians, in 1967.



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Contador, Armstrong trade barbs

MADRID (AP) — Alberto Contador and Lance Armstrong are sniping at each other again, following a fragile truce during the Tour de France.

Contador, who secured his second Tour win on Sunday in Paris, said he had no admiration for the American as a person and that tensions between the two had a negative effect on the Astana team during the race. Armstrong, the seven-time champion who finished third in his first Tour since 2005, responded that Contador should "drop this drivel."

"My relationship with Lance Armstrong is zero," Contador said late Monday in his home town of Pinto outside Madrid□

 $\it A$ swimming stunner:



Germany's Paul Biedermann reacts after winning the gold medal in the Men's 200m Freestyle as Michael Phelps is seen in background, at the FINA Swimming World Championships, in Rome, Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

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Phelps loses to Biedermann

PAUL NEWBERRY

AP National Writer

ROME (AP) — Germany's Paul Biedermann handed Michael Phelps his first major individual loss in four years — and snatched away his world record, too — with a stunning win in the 200-meter freestyle at the world swimming championships on Tuesday.

Virtually unknown outside his country before this meet, Biedermann has now erased Ian Thorpe from the record book with a win in the 400 free and knocked off the most successful Olympian in history — all in the space of three days.

"I'm not pleased," Phelps said, acknowledging he wasn't in the best shape after taking six months off to revel in his great haul of China. But Biedermann's performance stirred up even more debate about the high-tech bodysuits that are being banned by the sport's governing body beginning in 2010. Biedermann wore an Arena X-Glide, one of those polyurethane suits that is generally considered faster than the Speedo LZR Racer, the once-revolutionary suit Phelps wore. "The suits make a difference," Biedermann said. "Last year, it was Speedo. This year, it's Arena.

"I hope there will be a time when I can beat Michael Phelps without these suits," the German added. "I hope next year. I hope it's really soon."

Biedermann's upset launched another night of record breaking at the world championships. Four more world standards were bumped from the books, bringing the total to 15 through

the first three days of an eight-day meet. That equals the number of records set at the last worlds in Melbourne two years ago, and will soon go right on past the staggering 25 worlds marks set last summer at the Olympics.

Britain's Gemma Spofforth went the fastest ever to win the 100 backstroke; Italy's Federica Pellegrini fired up the home crowd with her second world record of the championships in a semifinal heat of the 200 free; and South Africa's Cameron van der Burgh posted his own mark in the semis of the 50 breaststroke, a non-Olympic event.

But Biedermann's win — and Phelps' loss — stood out on a warm summer night at the Foro Italico.

Biedermann conceded after his 400 free win that the suit made him two seconds faster, but Phelps passed on the chance to wear one of the latest-generation suits. He's been sponsored by Speedo since he was a teenager and wasn't about to abandon the company that paid him a \$1 million bonus after he won eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics.

Shortly before the race, FINA confirmed that a ban on bodysuits will go into effect by May 2010, making this the last major competition where buoyancy aiding suits are allowed.

"It's not my problem," Biedermann said. "It's the problem of FINA. They should handle it really fast."

Phelps was ahead off the blocks, but Biedermann surged into the lead by the first flip and steadily extended his advantage. By the finish, he was a full body-length ahead of Phelps.



Washington Nationals' Josh Willingham hits a grand slam during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Monday, July 27, 2009, in Milwaukee. The grand slam was his second of the game.

Associated Press

NL Roundup

Lincecum strikes out career high 15 for Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tim Lincecum looked like his old self, pitching a four-hitter and bouncing back from a rough outing with a career-high 15 strikeouts in the San Francisco Giants' 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League on Monday.

The reigning NL Cy Young pitching award (11-3) winner provided the Giants with a much-needed boost on the heels of a disappointing 3-7 road trip. The hard-throwing right-hander earned his fourth complete game this season and sixth of his career.

Lincecum, the All-Star starter for the NL earlier this month, dazzled on a night the Giants paid tribute to late owner Sue Burns, who died July 19 of complications from lung cancer only nine days after being diagnosed.

Reds 6, Padres 4

At Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips hit the first of Cincinnati's four home runs on Monday, a three-run shot that set up a victory over San Diego and helped end the Reds' longest losing streak of the season at six games.

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Woods ramps up play heading toward last major

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — Barring any scheduling surprises, Tiger Woods is about to try something new.

He had played three weeks in a row on the U.S. PGA Tour in every season since he was a rookie — including a careerhigh five straight weeks in early 1999 — until last year, when two knee surgeries crimped his schedule.

That third consecutive tournament, however, has never been a major.

This year looks like it will be different. Woods decided to play this week at the Buick Open, where he is a two-time winner and has never finished worse than 11th in eight previous starts at Warwick Hills.

Next week is the Bridgestone Invitational, and while Woods has yet to make that official, he has never missed a World Golf Championship in America when he wasn't on crutches. Besides, he is a sixtime winner at Firestone, one of his favorite golf courses.

Then it's off to Hazeltine for the U.S. PGA Championship, his last shot at winning a major this year.

That he chose to play the Buick Open was only a mild surprise. Woods likes the golf course, and although he ended a decade-old endorsement contract one year early because of the economy, there remains a sense of loyalty to his longtime relationship with Buick.

"We've had a great relationship with Tiger for nine years, and this is his way of showing that," said Larry Peck, Buick-GMC's national promotions manager. "He provides such a lift."

Woods didn't offer much insight on his Web site, saying only that he was looking forward to the Buick Open and "the golf course suits my eye," a loose translation for "I see myself winning."

What his appearance at Warwick Hills should not suggest is any sense of panic. Woods has not played more

than two weeks in a row since returning from reconstructive knee surgery. Even though he is leading the U.S. PGA Tour money list by more than \$500,000 and his three victories are more than anyone else, he has played only 10 times this year.

Some have suggested he needs to play more.

Then there was his last tournament, nothing short of a disaster. Woods played a six-hole span at Turnberry in 7-over-par and wound up missing the cut in the British Open by one shot, only his second missed cut in a major and his first weekend off in three years.

Swing coach Hank Haney worked with him last week in Florida, then offered a selfdeprecating assessment as he headed to the airport.

"He's doing really good," Haney said. "He had a bad tournament, and I'm getting fired."

He has been working with Woods for more than five years and knows what kind of scrutiny to expect. He was on the range at the Masters when Woods vented about how poorly he was hitting the ball, and speculation soon shifted to Haney being shown the door.

Haney looks more at the big picture.

Woods hit the ball great at the Memorial, then finally got some putts to fall on the final day to shoot 65 and win. He hit it just as well at Bethpage Black and never got anything to drop at the U.S. Open. And he continued to play well at Congressional, where Woods won a duel with Anthony Kim to capture his AT&T National. Turnberry was a surprise, nothing more.

"There wasn't cause for that much alarm," Haney said. "He's played so well, it was a little easier to brush off."

Even so, there is a sense of urgency at this time of the year. Woods is at the halfway point of his schedule — that includes The Presidents Cup, tournaments in Asia and Australia, and his Chevron World Challenge in



This is an Aug. 6, 2006 file photo showing Tiger Woods, second from right, sampling the icing off a cake dedicated to his Buick Open victory and his 50th PGA Tour title at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich., A person briefed on the decision says this week's Buick Open golf tournament will be the last because General Motors Co. will end its sponsorship after more than a half-century.

Associated Press

December — but he has only two months left in the meat of the U.S. PGA Tour schedule. And there is only one major left.

Woods rarely plays the week before a major, but there has always been an exception or two for the U.S. PGA Championship. He has played five times the week before the U.S. PGA Championship, and two years ago won at Firestone by eight shots before winning the U.S. PGA at Southern Hills.

The last time he played three in a row? That was during the inaugural year of the FedEx Cup in 2007, when Woods tied for second at the Deutsche Bank Championship, then won the BMW Championship and the Tour Championship. He has played at least three straight weeks 21 times in his career, and twice won all three events (Disney, Tour Championship and American Express at the end of 1999; and the U.S. PGA Championship, Firestone and Deutsche Bank in 2006).

Whether he can win three in a row this time will be as trivial as the other two streaks.

What people will remember is whether Woods wins the last one.

Report: Childress says Favre not coming back

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS – Brett Favre won't be coming out of retirement to play for Minnesota.

Vikings coach Brad Childress confirmed to The Associated Press in a text message Tuesday that the three-time MVP quarterback for the Green Bay Packers would not join his team when training camp opens later this week. Favre's decision was first reported by The Star Tribune on its Web site.

Childress told the paper Favre did not want to put himself through the grind of a 19th NFL season. Favre himself did not immediately offer a comment from Hattiesburg, Miss., where he worked out with high school players this summer in a bid to keep in shape for a potential return to the NFL.

"It was a rare and unique opportunity to consider adding not only a future Hall of Fame quarterback but one that is very familiar with our system and division," Childress said



This is a May 1, 2009 file photo showing Minnesota Vikings head coach Brad Childress is shown at the teams rookie mini-camp in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Associated Press

in a statement on the team's Web site. "That does not detract from the team that we have."

The decision a crushing blow for the Vikings, who openly courted Favre all summer. Adding Favre would have been viewed by many as the final piece for a team that already has star running back Adrian Peterson and a stingy veteran defense that returns nearly intact from last year's NFC North championship season. Favre came out of retirement last year to play for the New York Jets.

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Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett delivers to Oakland Athletics designated hitter Jack Cust in the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday July 27, 2009.

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Josh Beckett became the American League's first 12-game winner when the Boston Red Sox snapped out of a slump with 14 hits in an 8-3 win over the Oakland Athletics on Monday.

Beckett (12-4) struck out 10 and allowed one walk and eight hits in seven innings before the bullpen extended its streak to 24 scoreless innings since the All-Star game.

Dustin Pedroia homered and drove in two runs and Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits for the Red Sox, who entered with just 25 runs and a .215 batting average in their nine games since the break.

They roughed up Trevor Cahill (6-9) and led 6-0 through five innings before the Athletics got to Beckett with single runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth.

Yankees 11, Rays 4

At St. Petersburg, Florida, A.J. Burnett allowed two hits in seven innings and Nick Swisher homered twice to lead New York past Tampa Bay.

The AL East leaders improved

to 10-1 since the All-Star break, with Burnett (10-4) getting his fifth straight win. The switch-hitting Swisher homered from both sides of the plate for the second time this season. Robinson Cano

this season. Robinson Cano and Johnny Damon also went deep, while Derek Jeter had three hits and Alex Rodriguez contributed a two-run double on his 34th birthday.

Cano had a RBI triple in the second inning, then led off the sixth with his 15th homer off Rays starter James Shields (6-7)

Twins 4, White Sox 3

At Minneapolis, Michael Cuddyer's two-run homer in the sixthinning gave Minnesota yet another win over Chicago at the Metrodome.

John Danks (8-7) allowed two earned runs and six hits over seven innings after missing his last start due to a finger blister, but that wasn't enough AL Roundup

Beckett's pitching, Sox 14 hits spark 8-3 win

to keep the Sox from their 12th loss in the last 14 games at Minnesota's soon-to-bevacated dome.

Royals 5, Orioles 3

At Baltimore, Billy Butler had a career-high five hits and drove in three runs, and Brayan Pena beat out a runscoring infield single to snap a seventh-inning tie for Kansas City

Butler led off the seventh with a double to right-center off Matt Albers (1-4), advanced when Miguel Olivo grounded out for the second out and scored when Pena beat Melvin Mora's throw on a slow chopper to the third-base side of the mound.

Five of Kansas City's 14 hits were infield singles.

Robinson Tejeda (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings of relief.

Rangers 5, Tigers 2

At Arlington, Texas, rookie Tommy Hunter pitched a career-high seven innings, and Nelson Cruz and Michael Young homered as Texas finally beat AL Centralleading Detroit.

The Rangers had lost the first six meetings with the Tigers this season to drop to 3-14 against them over the last three years before Hunter (3-1) pitched Texas to its seventh victory in eight games.

Hunter allowed one run and five hits in his sixth major league start. C.J. Wilson pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 13 chances, finishing it off in a light rain.

Anaheim, California, Victor Martinez hit a three-run homer off All-Star closer Brian Fuentes in the ninth inning, helping the short-handed Cleveland rally for the win over the Angels.

Jhonny Peralta had four hits and followed Martinez's shot with another homer off Fuentes (1-3), who leads the majors with 30 saves.

Cleveland played without manager Eric Wedge and reliever Winston Abreu after both were suspended for Abreu's plunking of Seattle's Jack Hannahan last weekend. The Indians then traded first baseman Ryan Garko to San Francisco shortly before the game, and Grady Sizemore sat out while feeling ill.

Juan Rivera, Kendry Morales and Mike Napoli hit consecutive homers in the second inning for the Angels.

In other AL games it was, Kansas City 5, Baltimore 3; N.Y. Yankees 11, Tampa Bay 4; Boston 8, Oakland 3; Texas 5, Detroit 2; Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 3; Cleveland 8, L.A. Angels 6; and Toronto 11, Seattle 4.

NL ROUNDUP

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The teams combined for seven homers, six of them solo shots.

Jonny Gomes and Edwin Encarnacion also had solo homers off Josh Geer (1-7), a 26-year-old rookie who has yet to win a game on the road. Gomes added another solo shot off Edward Mujica, helping the Reds win a matchup of teams that have fallen apart in July.

Homer Bailey (2-2) gave up a pair of solo homers, but held on for 7 1-3 innings to get his first victory since June 27.

Mets 7, Rockies 3

At New York, Fernando Tatis hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning as New York salvaged an otherwise miserable day by rallying past Colorado.

It was the third straight win for the Mets, who have been struggling most of the season on the field and had to deal with issues off it when they fired vice president Tony Bernazard during an awkward news conference hours before the first pitch.

The Rockies bullpen had gone 9 2-3 innings without allowing a hit before Tatis connected off Franklin Morales with one out in the eighth. Juan Rincon (2-2) had loaded the bases with three walks — one intentionally — before Tatis deposited an 0-2 pitch into the seats in left field.

Cardinals 6, Dodgers 1

At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter wrapped up an undefeated month and Brendan Ryan matched a career high with four hits for St. Louis against Los Angeles.

Matt Holliday lined an RBI double off the base of the center-field wall in his first home at-bat and Mark DeRosa homered for the fifth time in 13 games with St. Louis. The third newcomer to the lineup, Julio Lugo, had an RBI infield hit in the second to help the Cardinals shake off a 2-5 trip that knocked them out of the NL Central lead.

In other NL games it was, St. Louis 6, L.A. Dodgers 1; N.Y. Mets 7, Colorado 3; Cincinnati 6, San Diego 4; Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 1, 13 innings; Washington 14, Milwaukee 6; Philadelphia 6, Arizona 2; and San Francisco 4, Pittsburgh 2.

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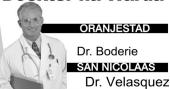
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EEUU revoca visas de funcionarios que trabajan con Micheletti

WASHINGTON (AP) - La administración del presidente Barack Obama revocó las visas diplomáticas de cuatro funcionarios hondureños que trabajan con el gobierno de facto y revisa el estatus de las visas de otras autoridades y sus familiares, anunció el martes el Departamento de Estado norteamericano.

El vocero Ian Kelly dijo que las revocaciones y la revisión afectan a las autoridades hondureñas que trabajaban durante el gobierno del depuesto presidente Manuel Zelaya antes de que fuera derrocado el 28 de junio, pero que ahora trabajan para el "régimen de facto" del presidente interino Roberto Micheletti.

"No reconocemos a Roberto Micheletti como presidente de Honduras", dijo el portavoz a los reporteros. "Reconocemos a Manuel Zelaya, así que, siguiendo esa política de no reconocimiento, hemos decidido revocar las visas diplomáticas oficiales, del tipo A, de cuatro individuos que son miembros del régimen (de Micheletti)".

Kelly no identificó a las autoridades cuyas visas fueron revocadas, pero añadió que no están actualmente en Estados Unidos. No pudo decir cuántas más estaban siendo sometidas a revisión.

La decisión fue tomada por la embajada estadounidense en Tegucigalpa, en medio de un estancamiento de las conversaciones que buscan restaurar el orden constitucional en Honduras, mediadas por el presidente de Costa Rica Oscar Arias. Estados Unidos está respaldando los esfuerzos de Arias para negociar el retorno de Zelaya, algo a lo que Micheletti se ha negado a

"Estamos intentando hacer todo lo que podemos para apoyar este proceso", dijo Kelly.

Chávez dice buscará duplicar potencial militar de Venezuela

Caracas - El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, dijo el jueves que planea al menos duplicar el potencial militar de su país sin importarle la opinión de los vecinos, en momentos que la nación sudamericana revisa sus relaciones con Colombia.

El líder izquierdista alegó que es necesario mejorar todos los componentes de su fuerza armada para poder hacer frente a amenazas "imperiales" en contra de su revolución socialista. "Estamos adelantando todos los contactos, varios nuevos batallones de tanques para tener una fuerza blindada, el doble por lo menos de la que hoy tenemos", dijo en un acto con militares.

Chávez agregó que ya había anunciado la decisión al Gobierno ruso, desde donde Venezuela ha hecho importantes compras de armamento y equipo militar.

Caracas anunció que pondría en revisión los vínculos con su vecino e importante socio comercial luego del anuncio de Bogotá de permitir mayores operaciones estadounidenses en bases militares de ese país.

hileno habría cumplido 113 años

Santiago de Chile - Un del país, cumplió el sábado Según el matutino, el hombre que aún trabaja en su pequeño campo sería el más longevo del país al cumplir 113 años, según informa el martes un matutino.

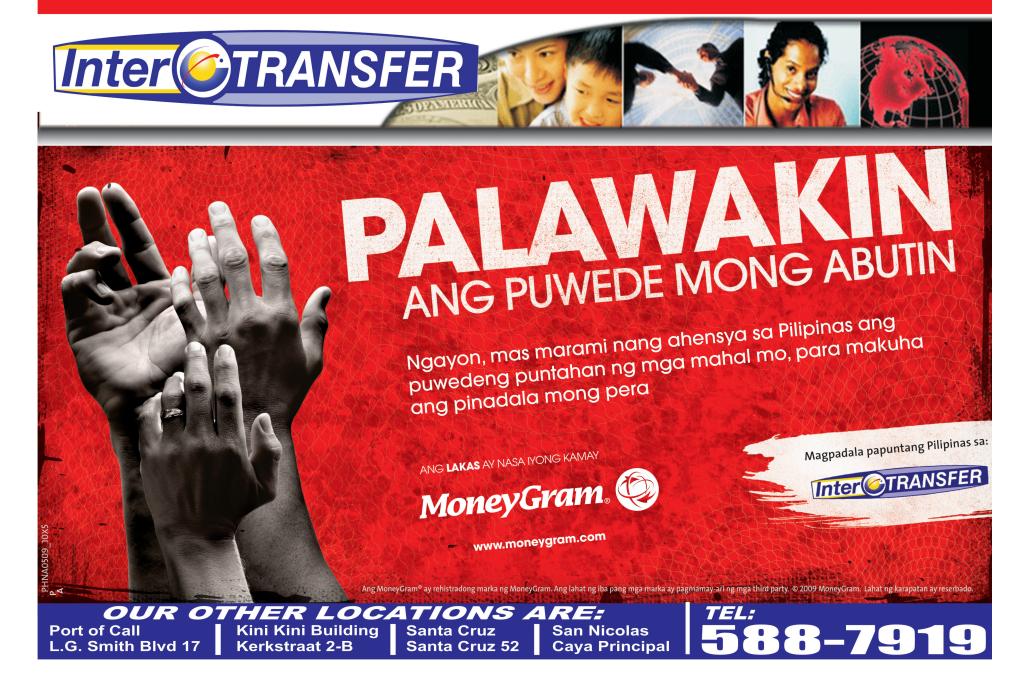
Según revela Las Ultimas Noticias, Celino Villanueva, habitante de una pequeña localidad pesquera del sur

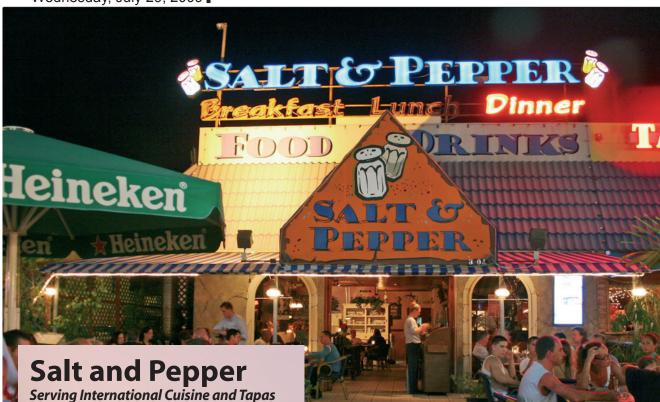
113 años. El anciano vive en Mehuín, un pueblo dedicado a la actividad agrícola y pesquera, situado a unos 800 kilómetros al sur.

Pese a su edad, Celino Villanueva continúa practicando sus actividades agrícolas en su predio.

anciano "cosecha habas v trabaja su huerta a punta de chuzos, picotas y palas".

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